

Tribe assumes management of state's Boggy Depot State Park



Governor Bill Anoatubby and Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Executive Director Deby Snodgrass sign documents transferring management of Boggy Depot State Park from the state to the Chickasaw Nation. The tribe assumed management and operations of the Atoka-area park on Aug. 16.

Mike McKee

ATOKA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation has recently assumed authority for management of Boggy Depot State Park.

The tribe signed an agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation to assume operations and management of the park in Atoka beginning Aug. 16.

Boggy Depot was one of seven Oklahoma state parks slated to close Aug. 15 due to state budget cuts at the Tourism and Recreation Department.

"We are very pleased to have the opportunity to operate Boggy Depot State Park because of its historical importance to Chickasaws, Choctaws and all

Oklahomans," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "This agreement is a way to help visitors continue to discover the beauty, history and hospitality of our state."

Boggy Depot was one of the first places Chickasaws settled after being removed to Indian Territory from their Southeastern homelands in the 1830s.

The town received its name from Clear Boggy Creek and from its use as a Confederate commissary depot during the War Between the States.

Boggy Depot was home to many notable individuals in Chickasaw, Choctaw and Oklahoma history, including Chickasaw Charles David Carter and Choctaw Chief Allen Wright.

Carter was one of the first men elected to represent Oklahoma in the U.S. Congress. He represented southern Oklahoma from 1906 to 1927.

Chief Wright coined the word "Oklahoma" in 1866 to describe the Indian Territory. The name was officially selected for the new state in 1907. Chief Wright and several of his family members are buried in a cemetery located in the park.

Visits to the park are free. Features include a fishing lake, nature trail, baseball diamond, playground, picnic tables, group picnic shelters, charcoal grills and comfort stations

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Softball complex to feature new fields; gym to receive upgrade

ADA, Okla. - Construction of a new softball complex on North Country Club road in Ada is expected to begin soon. Chickasaw Nation legislators passed a resolution in September authorizing construction of the facility at the request of Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

Gov. Anoatubby said he requested the resolution in response to requests from Chickasaw citizens.

"Several Chickasaws have requested facilities for athletics and activities," said Gov. Anoatubby. "In response to those requests, our development team has designed a park that will provide a venue for everything from casual games and family

reunions to organized tournament play."

The new softball complex will include two adult softball fields and one youth field. Each of the fields will be lighted for night play and include bleachers, dugouts and warm-up areas.

A central two-story building will include concession area and restrooms on the ground floor and scorers' booths on the second floor. Plans also include a half-court outdoor basketball court and playground area.

Plans are also under way to update the gymnasium located in the original Chickasaw Nation community center on the

Chickasaw Nation headquarters campus on East Arlington in Ada.

The new softball complex and remodeled gymnasium will complement the tribe's wellness center, which houses a gymnasium, walking track, weight room and aerobics room.

"It is important to have venues that meet the need for family-friendly activities as part of our comprehensive effort to promote healthy lifestyles and strong families," said Gov. Anoatubby.

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2012 Royalty crowned



Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel with, from left, 2011-2012 Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker, Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely, and Little Miss Chickasaw, Keilyn Factor. The new royalty were crowned during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Sept. 26 in Ada.

Marcy Gray

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'Intro to Chickasaw' draws language enthusiasts



Chickasaw native speaker Catherine Willmond, center, with her daughter Onita Carnes and grandson Jerry Bennett at the Chickasaw Cultural Center during a lunch break from "Introduction to Chickasaw" taught by linguist Dr. Pamela Munro and Mrs. Willmond.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Several Chickasaw citizens recently had the unique opportunity to learn Chickasaw language from both a nationally-known linguist and a native speaker at a place dedicated to preserving and sharing Chickasaw heritage and culture.

"Introduction to Chickasaw," taught by linguist Dr. Pamela Munro and Chickasaw language expert Catherine Willmond, was conducted Aug. 20 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Sixteen students attended the class.

Dr. Munro specializes in Native American languages. She is a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. She co-authored "Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary" and "Let's Speak Chickasaw (Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli)" with Mrs. Willmond.

The women have worked together for 30 years teaching the Chickasaw language.

Dr. Munro said the Sulphur

class was designed as a "crash course for non-speakers" and she hoped it would be an avenue to cultivate more speakers.

Currently, there are less than 120 Chickasaw speakers, all older than 55. A recent study suggests the last fluent speaker could be lost in 30 years if nothing is done to protect the language.

"It's really sad to me there are so few speakers," Dr. Munro said. "Hopefully classes such as this will help people learn something about the language and get interested in studying it more."

"This is such a wonderful language. When I talk about (Chickasaw language) to people I say 'it's the world's best language,' and I really feel that way. Chickasaw is such a tremendous language."

Mrs. Willmond, who received the Chickasaw Nation Silver Feather award last year for her efforts to preserve Chickasaw culture, spoke Chickasaw exclusively until she was 35.



Dr. Pamela Munro, a linguist who teaches at the University of California, Los Angeles, left, and Chickasaw language expert Catherine Willmond teach "Introduction to Chickasaw" at the Chickasaw Cultural Center August 20.

She worked with Dr. Munro to research and record more than 40 tribal elders to complete the dictionary and the grammar textbook "Let's Speak Chickasaw (Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli)."

"It feels good to know that my work will help create new speakers," Mrs. Willmond said.

Now in her late 80s, Mrs. Willmond continues to do her part to preserve and teach the Chickasaw language.

Other Chickasaw Language Preservation Efforts

"Introduction to Chickasaw" is just one of the efforts to preserve and share the Chickasaw Language.

Other programs include the Master-Apprentice Program. Established in 2007, the program seeks to develop new, conversational speakers of the Chickasaw language in an immersion learning environment in 18 to 24 months.

The apprentice, who has some knowledge about the Chickasaw language, is paired

"As long as I'm here, I'm going to speak my language," she said.

The six-hour class provided an overview of the sound and spelling system, grammatical features and other aspects of the Chickasaw language.

Joshua Hinson, Cultural Education and Outreach director for the Chickasaw Language Revitalization program, attended the class and said the Chickasaw Nation is fortunate

to offer classes taught by Dr. Munro and Mrs. Willmond.

"These types of classes give our citizens and other interested persons have a unique opportunity to study with the acknowledged expert on the structure of the Chickasaw language and one of our eldest and most fluent speakers."

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Tribe levies no taxes; business income drives our programs

We have all been observing with interest the ongoing debates in Washington regarding how best to reduce our federal deficit, what expenses should be reduced and what revenues should be increased.

It can be a frustrating process, no doubt, because the two major parties have fundamentally different visions of how our government should operate and what our country should look like. Added to those challenges is the fact that an element of radicalism has entered the discussion, which complicates any negotiations on resolution.

It is a challenging time in our national history. If we are to have a secure and prosperous country, we must create the resources to properly support our society while balancing that against how much each American should contribute.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we are very fortunate not to have to face the same challenges. Of course, we must be mindful of what and where we invest our resources, but our mission is clear that we will always



**GOV. BILL
ANOATUBBY**

Governor,
the Chickasaw
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be resolute in enhancing the lives of Chickasaw people.

We are a sovereign nation, yet we do not - as most sovereigns do - assess any type of taxes or fees on our citizens. That makes us very unique, and, I believe, serves our citizens with consistently good quality programs and services.

Our tribe has had the good fortune to develop good businesses and nurture their successes. We have been diligent in our business operations and have, thankfully, been able to produce rising net income. Those resources fund our myriad programs and services for citizens, as well as our reinvestment in our businesses and our building projects.

It has also been a real blessing to our tribe that we are able to manage our own tribal businesses from within. It is truly heartwarming that we have so many sharp, able Chickasaws managing our vital interests, including top administrators, managers and our precious workers.

We obviously have built a solid commercial founda-

tion with our entertainment venues. While these interests have grown, we have also made the commitment to diversification into areas that provide a tremendous array of growth possibilities.

The Chickasaw Nation now operates manufacturing, consulting, media, hospitality and other commercial endeavors that are paying good dividends. We also engage in federal contracting and banking, and are continually exploring new avenues of growth-oriented expansion.

The one element we always remember is that we are not in these businesses simply to produce money. The funds our operations produce are driving the critical needs in education, housing, health care, nutrition, employment, transportation and so much more. Making money for money's sake is the opposite of what we are trying to achieve. Our funds always go to make the lives of Chickasaw families better. Whether it is a college scholarship, a new computer, a visit to the doctor, a new home, a new job or enhanced skills, we who serve you at your tribe are dedicated to assisting you in your pursuits.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we are truly blessed. Our people and our tribe suffered times of tremendous challenge and uncertainty. We honor those who have come before us by making Chickasaw lives better - today, and for generations to come.

Up-and-coming teen Chickasaw fashion designers headed to New York to attend design workshop



Ryanne Jordan

A pair of young Chickasaw students will be spending a week in New York City next year learning fashion design skills.

Ryanne Jordan, 16, of Sherman, Texas, and Michaela Milligan, 14, of Ada, Okla., were recently awarded scholarships by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities to attend a four-day high school fashion design workshop at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

The scholarship alternate is Brenna Willie, 14, of Tahlequah, Okla., who will attend the Fashion Institute in the event that one of the other scholarship recipients is un-



Michaela Milligan

able to do so.

The girls were textile design students at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

The two-week summer academy provides a unique opportunity for young Native American students from all over the nation to learn and develop artistic skills in creative writing, vocal music, dance, textile design, video production, photography and more. The academy culminates with the participants showcasing their talents and skills during the "Festival of the Arts" presentation.

Ryanne, Michaela and Brenna were chosen from among seven textile students by votes of the instructors Margaret Roach

Wheeler, Maya Stewart and Alice McKee as well as "People's Choice" votes of attendees at the Festival of Arts.

The students were juried on the originality of the designs, their passion for the art, the ability to follow instructions and their focus.

"All seven girls were extremely talented and outstanding," Mrs. Wheeler said. "Any one of them could have won. It was really tight."

At the Fashion Institute of Technology, the students will have an opportunity to take courses on sketching for fashion, drawing, sewing, construction, going into the business world and more.

The experience will be "art-oriented" and "go beyond fashion" with visits to the National Museum of American Indian and a Broadway show planned, according to Mrs. Wheeler.

Ms. Stewart, an up-and-coming fashion artist and first-time instructor at the Arts Academy, said the experience will be an "amazing opportunity for the students to learn new skills."

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Chickasaw White House Harvest Fest Oct. 15

EMET, Okla. - The 2011 Harvest Fest is scheduled for 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Chickasaw White House in Emet.

The free event offers attendees a chance to step back into the early 1900s with food and activities exemplifying the lives of Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas H. Johnston and his family.

Festivities include carriage rides, crafts, lunch, old time

fiddling by "The Boggy River Bluegrass Band" and gun-fights by "The Oklahombres."

Tours of the White House will also be available throughout the day.

The Chickasaw White House is located at the north edge of Emet, ten miles east of Tishomingo, Okla.

For more information, please call (580) 371-9835.

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'Night at the Museum' Oct. 29 in Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo will host the "Night at the Museum" Saturday, Oct. 29.

The event will include museum tours beginning 6:30 p.m. and a classic family movie at 7:30 p.m. on the Chickasaw Capitol Grounds.

Admission is free. Hot dogs and refreshments will be pro-

vided.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

The Chickasaw Council House Museum is located at 209 North Fisher.

For more information, please call (580) 371-9835.

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SE Art Show & Market, Film Fest and more!

National Arts and Humanities Month celebrated in the Chickasaw Nation

Governor Bill Anoatubby has proclaimed October 2011 National Arts and Humanities Month in the Chickasaw Nation. To celebrate the proclamation, several fun and exciting events have been planned by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

Southeastern Art Show and Market Friday - Saturday, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 Chickasaw Nation Capitol Grounds Tishomingo, Okla.

Adult and youth artists from Southeastern and Woodland tribes showcase and market their artworks on the beautiful historic Chickasaw Capitol grounds during the 2011 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

"Carry the Fire" Native Humanities Forum 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 Chickasaw Nation Arts

and Humanities building 201 North Broadway, Ada, Okla.

This forum is an opportunity for public dialogue between Native and non-Native sectors on Native humanities for the development and welfare of local communities, regions and the State of Oklahoma. The forum will be conducted in the facility's Black Box Theatre. A panel of five scholars led by Dr. Thomas Cowger will discuss basic tenets of the humanities, historic contributions of Native and non-Native humanities, important current initiatives and cross-cultural understanding and cooperation. Dr. Cowger is the Chickasaw Nation endowed chair of the Department of History and Native Studies at East Central University in Ada. In a question-and-answer format, this two-hour forum will invite questions from the audience during discussions

by scholars. This program is funded in part by the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in the program do not necessarily represent those of OHC or NEH.

Holba' Kana'li Film Series: "The Dead Can't Dance" 2 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 McSwain Theatre 130 W. Main, Ada, Okla.

The film revolves around three Native American men, who discover they are somehow immune to a mysterious plague that is turning everyone else into zombies. The Holba' Kana'li film series showcases Native American-made independent films that address the issues of Native American and Indigenous peoples.

The Nature of Art Workshop 11 a.m., 11:25 a.m. and 11:50 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities building 201 North Broadway, Ada, Okla.

The Nature of Art is a 20-minute workshop where participants can create a pin or magnet. The workshops are open to all ages, but all children (under 16) must have an accompanying adult. All participants must enroll by Oct. 15. There is a limit of 20 participants per each of the three classes.

Spooky Tales 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27

Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities building 201 North Broadway, Ada, Okla.

Celebrate the Halloween with storytelling by Lorie Robbins, Dixie Brewer and Stephanie Scott. The event will be conducted in the facility's Black

Box Theatre. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or mats to sit on.

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net/ah or call (580) 272-5520.

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Zombie movie 'The Dead Can't Dance' Oct. 20 at McSwain

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities will present the zombie movie "The Dead Can't Dance" at 2 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada.

The film revolves around three Native American men, who discover they are somehow immune to a mysterious plague that is turning everyone else into zombies.

The movie is directed by Rodrick Pocowatchit, of Pawnee, Shawnee and Comanche descent. "The Dead Can't Dance" was the winner of the best Native American film award during the 2011 Indie Spirit Film

Festival in Colorado Springs.

The film is presented as part of the Holba' Kana'li Film Series, which showcases Native American-made independent films that address the issues of Native American and Indigenous peoples.

Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$3 for general admission, \$2 for seniors and children under 12 years of age. A special \$5 combo deal includes admission, popcorn and drink.

For more information about the film series, please call (580) 272-5520.

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About Humanities in Oklahoma

As the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) is mandated to provide the citizens of Oklahoma opportunities to learn about the human experience through programs based on humanities disciplines.

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archaeology, jurisprudence, ethics, and philosophy.

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with showers.

More than 30 acres of campgrounds, including RV and tent camping, are also available for a nominal fee.

The Chickasaw Nation will maintain the same

fee structure for camping established by the State of Oklahoma.

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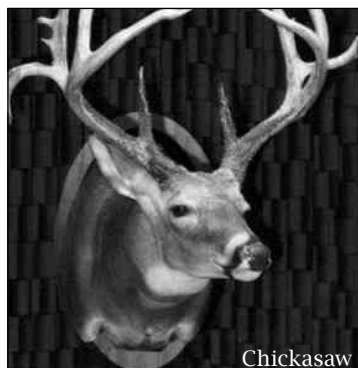
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Helping visitors discover the Chickasaw Nation

Tribal Visitor Center planned for Park entrance



Conceptual design of the Chickasaw Nation Visitor's Center located to be located in Sulphur, Okla.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Construction of a Chickasaw Nation Visitor Center in Sulphur was approved during the Friday, Sept. 16 session of the Chickasaw Nation Legislature.

The 7,700 square-foot center will be constructed at the intersection of State Highways

7 and 177, directly across the street from the tribe's Artesian Hotel, currently under construction. The center's location is also adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area entrance.

Location and design of the visitor center were chosen to

serve a wide range of visitors to the area.

"This center will provide an excellent venue to encourage people to discover all the natural beauty, history and hospitality of this area," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Our historical connection with the

Sulphur area dates back more than 170 years, so we want to share that story with everyone. We also want to promote all the great attractions and events in this area."

According to Gov. Anoatubby, the visitor center will complement the tribe's efforts to promote tourism in the area.

"We believe our continuing investment in this area will benefit the state and local economy far into the future," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Tribal investments in the Sulphur area include the Artesian Hotel and the Chickasaw Cultural Center. More than 62,000 people have visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center since it opened in July 2010.

The Chickasaw Nation also has plans for a retail center, pocket park and casino in Sulphur.

Other projects planned for

the area include a Bedre' Chocolate factory and a Chickasaw welcome center, both located on Interstate 35 near exit 55.

More than three million people visit Murray County, Oklahoma each year. Other attractions in the area include Turner Falls, Arbuckle Wilderness and Cross Bar Ranch.

Constructed of native stone and glass, the design of the visitor center will resemble buildings at the near-by Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The visitor center will also provide information and tell the story of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, the only national park established at the request of a Native American tribe.

Expected completion date for the visitor center is 2013.

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Chickasaw Nation recognized for support of National Guard and Reserve



Governor Bill Anoatubby accepts the Seven Seals Award during the annual Employee Support for the Guard and Reserve Award Banquet.

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation was recently honored with a "Seven Seals Award" from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The award was presented during an award banquet Sept. 9 in Oklahoma City.

This Seven Seals Award is presented to organizations whose support has provided significant benefits to the reserve components of the U.S. military services.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby accepted the award on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Men and women in the Guard and Reserve services make great sacrifices to defend our freedom and our nation," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They deserve our support and grati-

tude for their valiant efforts to preserve our way of life."

The Chickasaw Nation was recognized earlier this year for exceptional support of employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve. The tribe was among three Oklahoma employers named as semifinalists for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

Chickasaw Nation support for members of the National Guard and Reserve and other military personnel includes care packages, counseling for employees and family members, equipment, transportation assistance, as well as events to support and welcome returning troops.

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This month on CNTV

This month we will feature one supersized episode of CNTV! Tune in early October for a recap of all the sights and sounds from the 2011 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

CNTV will continue its look at the new books from the

Chickasaw Press. Join us for the second interview with the authors this month.

New CNTV episodes will resume on November 1 and 15.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

Professional Openings at Medical Center

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Oklahoma, the Division of Health has professional openings at the hospital in the following specialties:

- Registered Nurse - Acute Care

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

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Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma

Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kan., invites alumni and friends to a One-Day Reunion, November 5, 2011 at the Sac & Fox Tribal Community Center, Stroud, Okla.

For information on the golf scramble, call Dan Little Axe at (405) 413-8443.

RV and camp grounds available.

For RV or camp ground rates or for more information, contact Carmen Ketcher at (918) 333-7483 or email mascarmen2009@hotmail.com

Bob Family Reunion

The Bob Reunion to honor the late Rufus, Jimmy and Lucille Bob will be from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Carter Seminary Gym, Ardmore, Okla.

Anyone related to the Bobs is invited to the gathering.

For more information contact Colleen Dobbs at (580) 340-9853 or Bonnie Belvin at (580) 775-4917.

'Blackbird' by Jeannie Barbour

Chickasaw artist's work featured at new St. Anthony's Center



Tom and Judy Love commissioned a painting by Jeannie Barbour for the St. Anthony Behavioral Medicine Center in Oklahoma City. The Loves appreciated the Chickasaw Nation donation to help furnish the newly remodeled facility. From left are Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Jeannie Barbour, Judy Love and Tom Love.

OKLAHOMA CITY - An original painting by Chickasaw artist Jeannie Barbour was recently unveiled at the St. Anthony Behavioral Medicine Center in Oklahoma City.

The painting was donated by Chickasaw citizen Tom Love and his wife Judy in appreciation for the Chickasaw Nation contribution to help furnish the recently remodeled facility.

"Tom and I were so thrilled with what the Governor did for us, and we wanted to do something in some small way to show that," said Mrs. Love,

who added that they wanted to find just the right artist and painting.

"We really searched to find the right person," she said. "It probably took us six months. And we are delighted with the result."

St. Anthony officials said the furnishings donated by the Chickasaw Nation helped create a home-like environment which is more conducive to healing.

Titled "Blackbird," the Barbour painting depicts a Chickasaw woman in traditional dress

with a blackbird perched on one hand and a bowl of corn in the other.

According to Ms. Barbour, the blackbird represents transformation to a path of higher knowledge and ideals, while corn is the symbol of life.

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Add your Chickasaw veterans names to list

As part of the ongoing effort to recognize Chickasaws who have served in the armed forces of the United States, the Chickasaw Nation is working to create a comprehensive list of Chickasaw veterans.

The list is published in the Chickasaw Times every November as part of Veterans' Day observances.

To add a Chickasaw veteran to this list, please contact Sharmina Manandhar at (580) 559-0921 or Sharmina.Manandhar@Chickasaw.net.

Tribe to host 'Chikasha Poya' at Museum of the American Indian

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Chickasaw Nation will host "Chikasha Poya - We Are Chickasaw" November 3, 4 and 5 at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington as part of its Native American Heritage Month celebration.

The National Museum of the American Indian is the first national museum dedicated to the preservation, study and exhibition of the life, languages, literature, history and arts of Native Americans.

"We are honored to be in-



invited by the National Museum of the Native American Indian," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This is a great opportunity for us to share our culture and our story with visitors from around

the world."

The "Chikasha Poya - We Are Chickasaw" event will include activities and demonstrations rich in Chickasaw history and culture. Visitors will have

the opportunity to learn Chickasaw traditions through demonstration booths, hands-on activities, on-site storytelling, live music, artist booths, language lessons and much more.

The event will also include special presentations by Chickasaw Nation historians and authors as well as Chickasaw musicians and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

For more information about this special event, visit www.Chickasaw.net/NMAI.

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Chickasaw Nation accepts donation of Te Ata works, memorabilia collection



Governor Bill Anoatubby accepts a painting of famed Chickasaw performer Te Ata donated by the Thompson family. From left are Governor Anoatubby, U.S. Congressman Tom Cole, Jon Cole, Gene Thompson and Linda Harris.

Members of the Thompson family recently donated an extensive collection of Te Ata memorabilia to the Chickasaw Nation.

Born Mary Thompson in Tishomingo, I.T., in 1895, Te Ata was a famed Chickasaw dancer, actress and artist. She gained international fame presenting a unique one-woman show of American Indian heritage and culture to audiences across the U.S., Canada and Europe.

"Te Ata's work helped pave the way for the success of many American Indians in the arts, and in all walks of life," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "She has inspired many people through the years, and her life and achievements are sure to inspire many for generations to come."

For many decades, Te Ata's creative performances were delivered to kings, queens, presidents and everyday people. She helped inspire greater respect and understanding of American Indian culture and heritage.

Te Ata first learned of the beauty and wisdom of Indian culture from her father, Thomas, who told her a variety of Indian stories, and her mother, Bertie, who taught her about useful and medicinal plants.

Te Ata moved to New York City in the early 1920s to begin her career on the stage.

In the 1930s, she performed in England and Scandinavia. She performed at the White House for President Roosevelt and for the King and Queen of Great Britain.

She married Dr. Clyde Fisher, curator of the Hayden Planetarium and a long-time scientist and educator at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

The collection donated by the Thompson family includes more than 300 letters written by Te Ata and her husband.

Other items in the collection include programs from nearly every Te Ata performance as well as a complete file of all the stories she collected and performed. Photographs of

Te Ata and Clyde Fisher with family and friends, during her travels and in performance are also included.

An extensive collection of personal photos, her personal journal, video reproductions of home movies and a letter she wrote while staying in the Lincoln bedroom of the White House are also included.

The collection will provide valuable information for a movie about Te Ata's life, which is currently in the pre-production phase.

The collection will ultimately be housed at the Holisso Research Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

In 1987, Te Ata was named the first "Oklahoma Treasure" by Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon.

She was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 1990. She died in 1995 at the age of 100.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Sacred mounds of Nanih Waiya now in federal trust

TUPELO, Miss. - A historical site significant to Chickasaws and Choctaws will forever be preserved thanks to the persistent efforts of Franklin Keel, Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Regional Director.

Director Keel, of Chickasaw and Choctaw heritage, signed the deed placing the sacred mounds and cave of Nanih Waiya in Mississippi into federal trust status July 7 of this year.

"We are very pleased to know that this historically significant site will be preserved and protected," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We commend Franklin Keel for his diligent efforts to preserve these mounds for the benefit of our children and grandchildren."

As eastern regional Director, Mr. Keel nominated the property as one of 10 historic sites that should take priority for federal trust status under the Treasured Landscape Initiative of the Department of Interior.

"As a person of Choctaw and Chickasaw heritage, I was honored to be the federal signatory on the deed," Mr. Keel wrote on a letter to Gov. Anoatubby.

Nanih Waiya, a 25-foot high earthen mound more than 200 feet long and 140 feet wide, is located in east central Mississippi. Believed to have been constructed more than 1,700 years ago, the mound is significant in creation stories of the Choctaw people.

The mounds were part of a Mississippi state park from 1959 to 2008. They were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. In 2008, the ownership of the mounds was transferred from the State of Mississippi to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

The federal trust acquisition process culminated with the signing of the deed July 7, 2011.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

Hunter Safety Class



Patrick Leonard takes aim with a traditional bow during a Hunter Education and Safety class, conducted last month at the Chickasaw Ranch, near Davis, Okla. The course, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, is an Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation requirement for all hunters, ages 16-36 years old, said Chickasaw Ranch Operations Manager Gary Pratt. Mr. Pratt, a certified course instructor, and several volunteers helped 19 Chickasaws obtain their state Hunter Safety Education certifications.

‘...the most amazing thing I’ve ever done’

Chickasaw foster care Mom finds life fulfilled with beautiful kids

A few years ago, Chickasaw citizen Shatona Bittle never thought of herself as a mini-van driving mom-type. That was before she opened her heart to two little girls who needed a stable home and lots of unconditional love. Now her life is the best it’s ever been.

Ms. Bittle said adopting Kadence, who is now four, and two-year-old Emily, changed her life in many positive ways.

“Adoption is the most amazing thing I have ever done,” said the 29-year-old teacher.

“There is nothing better than being a mommy.”

Ms. Bittle worked with the Chickasaw Nation Foster Care program and began her life-changing course as one of the 44 foster homes in the program.

Jeanie Fulton, tribal foster care and adoption program manager, said more homes - especially Chickasaw homes - are needed to provide for the approximately 185 Chickasaw children.

“Young people, especially in those foster care, need nurturing adults because their own families are in crisis and unable to care for them,” Mrs. Fulton said.

The ultimate goal with any foster situation is reunification with the child’s family. Before reunification, the time spent with a foster family can have a positive impact on the life of a child.

“The need is great for children to have a stable, safe and nurturing living environment,” Mrs. Fulton said. “The children can establish meaningful connections to caring adults until they can be reunited with their families.

“It is vital to the future of these children,” she said.

For Ms. Bittle, the motivation to help was simple.

“It is all about the kids, period,” she said. “It’s not about the paperwork, the social workers, or even the foster parents.

“I got into (being a foster parent) because I had a home and

a place in my heart for a child. Most people think foster care is a heartbreaking situation. But when you are a foster parent you are just helping a baby or a child who has had their heart broken.

“Sometimes they have been

in a really bad situation and they just need love. Every kid just needs love.”

Mrs. Fulton stressed the need for more Native American families, particularly Chickasaw.

“There are Chickasaw kids in Department of Human Ser-

vices custody all over Oklahoma,” she said. “From a cultural aspect, we just want our (tribal) kids to be cared for.”

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About the Chickasaw Nation Foster Care Program

home study.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old, and can either rent or own their home or apartment and can be single or married. Applicants must be willing to work as a team member and love a child.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact the Foster Care and Adoption Program at 580.272.5550 or email Jeanie Fulton at Jeanie.Fulton@chickasaw.net.

Investment in tribal education programs to exceed \$20 million

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s Division of Education. Health

expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending August 31, 2011

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$11.6 million for the month and \$144.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$9.9 million for the month and \$89.2 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for August totaled \$87.7 million and \$923.3 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$238.9 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$102.0 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At August 31, 2011, the tribal gov-

ernment funds had \$150.1 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$18.9 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$187.6 million in cash and investments which is re-

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2011

Revenues
Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures
General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

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Statement of Net Assets
August 31, 2011

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
7,506,802	923,307,384	930,814,186
136,859,586	(136,859,586)	-
144,366,388	786,447,798	930,814,186
10,422,917		10,422,917
1,575,166		1,575,166
907,015		907,015
19,110,601		19,110,601
12,413,926		12,413,926
15,625,015		15,625,015
8,254,561		8,254,561
4,608,415		4,608,415
6,664,710		6,664,710
9,682,644		9,682,644
	491,185,708	491,185,708
	193,237,654	193,237,654
89,264,970	684,423,362	773,688,332
55,101,418	102,024,436	157,125,854
518,184,288	580,945,883	1,099,130,171
573,285,706	682,970,318	1,256,256,024

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
150,171,542	187,668,357	337,839,899
38,776,822	48,984,523	87,761,345
107,915	6,335,003	6,442,918
	17,781,616	17,781,616
	10,832,584	10,832,584
385,470,394	543,645,321	929,115,715
(1,240,967)	(132,277,085)	(133,518,052)
573,285,706	682,970,318	1,256,256,024

Annual Meeting has come a long way since 'Byng Day'

Chukma! Chin Chukma. "Celebrate - Liiholiitoblich The Chickasaw Nation." What an appropriate name for our 21st Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival! I'm so excited about all the activities coming up that I will get to attend. Of course, by the time you read this everything will be over, but I want to reminisce a little bit.

Some of you remember when we called it "Byng Day." We weren't supposed to, but we did. We have come so far since I was honored to be the chairperson for the annual meeting. In those days, we hardly had a budget and we wanted to do so many things.

The State of the Nation address was delivered in the old Byng school auditorium. After the address,

we ate in the school cafeteria (I can almost taste Mrs. Sutherland's chocolate cake) and the most beautiful gospel singing was held in the auditorium all afternoon. There was no parade, no senior activities or cultural activities, but we enjoyed it as much then as we do now because it was a celebration of Chickasaws coming together to visit with old friends and receive the report from the Governor on the progress of the Nation. What great times we had at Byng Day!

So, I guess the more things change, the more they stay the same. I am really looking forward to this year's Festival!

The Human Resources Committee entertained two resolutions in September. GR28-047 regarded the opportunity for the Nation to construct a softball complex dedicated for the use of the Chickasaw Nation. Such a complex would make it possible for Chickasaws to play softball throughout the year. The Nation would also be able to hold tournaments in Ada so the local teams wouldn't have to travel to Oklahoma City to play. There are several all-Indian softball teams in and around Ada who we expect would be very thankful for such a complex. The proposed complex would also include a youth size field for the little-leaguers.

GR28-048 would approve the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Tribal Management Grant. Funds from this grant would be utilized to purchase and implement electronic documentation and charge capture software for all phases of patient care in the surgery center at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Furthermore, the software includes built-in facets that would improve productivity as well as generate a vast array of reports. The grant proposal is not to exceed \$100,000 per year for up to three (3) years.

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I certainly hope to hear from you so I know what I can do to enhance your quality of life. Please contact me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or call me at (580) 436-1460.

Chi ihollo li!(I love you!)

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4



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Oka Kapassa gathering in Alabama honors ancestors

I am happy to write that we did receive omba (rain)! September has been a busy month. On Labor Day weekend the Choctaw Nation hosted its Tribal Festival at Tushka Homma. One of the special events this year was the first annual stickball tournament. The Mississippi Choctaws, Muskogee Creeks and Chickasaws were invited to participate. Stickball is a Native American game played by several tribes. Each player is equipped with two sticks that have rounded ends designed to catch a ball about the size of a golf ball. The object of the game is to score against your opponent by touching the ball to the other team's goal post. The playing area is about the size of a football field and can have approximately 25 players from each team on the field at one time. Our Chickasaw

Team played hard and made us isht ayukpa (proud).

The second weekend in September, the "Oka Kapassa" Return to Coldwater Festival happened in Tusculumbia, Alabama. In history, the town of Tusculumbia was a "holding" and "loading" location for tribes being moved to Indian Territory, today known as Oklahoma. Each year the festival does a symbolic 2-mile walk to honor our ancestors. The original walk started at the cold springs and ended at the river landing.

Thank you to all who assisted in the Festival. It was a wonderful event and the hospitality was outstanding.

I want to take a minute and say happy birthday to a very special lady, Mrs. Juanita Keel Tate. Mrs. Tate turned 101 this past month. Her knowledge of

Chickasaw history, culture and government have been a blessing to many. When I stopped by to visit, her daughter and granddaughter were there visiting from Houston. It was



Juanita Keel Tate, sitting, with her daughter, Gwen Gentry, and granddaughter Jennifer Lewis.

A Merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. Proverbs 17:22

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Players of the Chickasaw Stickball team.

**BETH
ALEXANDER**

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Leadership, employees, partnerships driving growth

Hello Everyone from Connie Barker Trial Legislator Pickens District Seat 2,

What a wonderful time we had this year at our Annual Meeting and Festival. It is such a blessing for all Chickasaw citizens to be able to come together, celebrate our culture and heritage and learn about the progress we have made in the last year.

As I begin my second term, I want to say thank you for your continued support and for allowing me to engage in all facets of our tribal programs, services and segments of business.

Almost 40 years ago, the Nation started with a handful of employees and even fewer programs.

Now with visionary leadership, dedicated employees and community partnerships, the Chickasaw Nation is greater than it has ever been.

Our citizens benefit from our many programs, more than any other tribe in the area, and the Nation now employs approximately 10,000 co-workers.

The sustainability of our programs is due to the economic growth from gaming and other business ventures. Our community involvement is well received and even sought out in many cases.

We are a people of action, and as we invest in well thought out, long term economic ventures, we realize

that the best way to measure our successes is by the resources we can provide to our citizens through multiple programs and services.

We all have goals that we set for ourselves in all areas of life. Some of the goals that I have as one of your Legislators is to continue to serve all Native Americans through the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, to ensure funding continues at the federal level for the prevention and treatment of diabetes.

God Bless you,
Connie Barker

**CONNIE
BARKER**

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Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451 or joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Tuscumbia visit awakens history of tribe's Removal

Hello Everyone,
In the July edition, I got to share with you a story about Tom Hendrix, a man we met on our trip to the homeland. In case you don't remember, Tom is the man who has built a stone wall and written a book to commemorate his great-great-grandmothers's journey to Indian Territory and back home to northern Alabama.

As we were saying our goodbyes, Tom asked us to come back for the annual Oka Kapassa-Return to Coldwater Festival. In September, Billie Easterling, Rose Jefferson, Beth Alexander and I made the trip back to Tuscumbia, Ala.

The festival is hosted at Spring Park in Tuscumbia. It celebrates the heritage and commemorates the

forced relocation of tribes from Alabama and across the Southeast. Tribal members were on hand to demonstrate aspects of Native American life, including storytelling, music, dancing, weaponry, basket making, pottery, jewelry making, bead work and other crafts.

The Chickasaw Nation was the host for this year's event. We were represented well by the dance troupe and the Native American flute music of the group INJUNUITY. We provided a Chickasaw language center, and we prepared our traditional meal, pashofa.

Spring Park is a former encampment from which Native Americans from the area were marched to boats at a landing on the Tennessee River to begin their journey to Indian Territory. Billie, Rose, Beth and

I rode a trolley down to the landing and walked back to the park in an effort to connect, in a very small way, with those who made the journey.

Poarch Creek tribal historian, Robert Thrower, described the overwhelmingly oppressive tone of the journey when he shared with us that in most Native American cultures, travel to the east is desirable because east symbolizes the sunrise and overall good. Travel to the west is undesirable because the west symbolizes death or the unknown. So, in the minds of many of them, they were marching directly to "the unknown" or "death."

There exist common stories among the tribes who members passed through Tuscumbia of compassion and assistance from the people of the region. According to the accounts, people of Tuscumbia didn't really know or understand why the Native Americans had to be removed from the area and gave blankets and food to those passing through their community.

The compassion and the hospitality of the people of Tuscumbia are alive and well today.

At the beginning of our trip, Rose said to us, "I think you will be amazed at how well you will be treated by the people."

She was right. People often offered us food, water and a place to sit, rest, and visit. People wanted to visit with Billie and hear her stories of Oklahoma.

Near the end of the festival, Billie said, "I have heard of southern hospitality, but these past few days, I have experienced true southern hospitality."

I hope you and your family are well. If I can be of any assistance, just let me know.

People first,
Katie



**KATIE
CASE**

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Chickasaws are ensuring our language continues to thrive!

Chokma, chinchokma? (Hello, how are you?)

There has been a resurgence of interest in the Chickasaw language the last few years. Our people realize the value of speaking the language to preserve our culture. Since the Language Revitalization Program began in 2007, our people are participating in community language classes, taking part in language camps and clubs, such as the Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (children speaking Chickasaw) language club, the Chickasaw Master-Apprentice Program and learning on their own through self-study programs. For more information on any of our language programs, you can contact the Language Revitalization Department at 580-272-5318.



**NANCY
ELLIOTT**

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It was my great pleasure to participate in a language class at the Chickasaw Cultural Center last month with Ms. Catherine Willmond, Chickasaw native speaker, and Ms. Pamela Munro, UCLA Professor of Linguistics. Ms. Willmond and Ms. Munro co-authored the books, Chickasaw, an Analytical Dictionary, and Chikashanomp' Kilanompoli, Let's Speak Chickasaw, a grammar textbook.

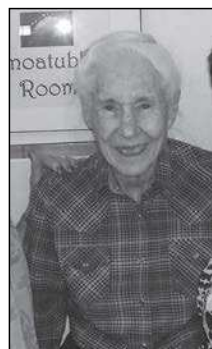
Ms. Willmond was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 2006 and received the Silver Feather award last year. Both awards honored Ms. Willmond for her efforts to preserve the Chickasaw culture and language. Having the opportunity to attend a language class with these two distinguished teachers was

definitely an honor for me. We are extremely blessed in the Chickasaw Nation to have so many resources available to us to learn about our culture. Some of the greatest resources we have are our treasured elders.

Speaking of our elders, Happy Birthday to Chickasaw elder Ms. Chincy Ross, of Tuttle, OK, who just turned 94 years young. We were blessed to visit with Ms. Ross at a recent community council meeting in Newcastle, OK, where she is an active member. Be sure to check out the opportunities to learn the Chickasaw language and say thank you to our treasured elders. Let me know if I can help you in any way.

Anowa chipisela' cho', (Until I see you again.)

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Chincy Ross



Pontotoc Legislators Nancy Elliott with Dr. Pamela Munro and Catherine Willmond.

Many great elder activities during Annual Meeting

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. As I write this, it is almost Autumn and the weather has finally broken from the extreme hot we had this summer. Ada even got a little rain in the last ten days. Not enough to fill the ponds and watering tanks, but maybe enough to get the grass growing again. We are so thankful for every drop! So Autumn and football have returned to Oklahoma!

Also as I write this, Festival and Annual Meeting are a couple of weeks away and we are getting very excited. I'm sure there will be Chickasaws and visitors from all over Oklahoma and throughout the U.S. Seniors from the 11 Chickasaw senior sites

and others will be engaging in many activities and competitions beginning on Saturday, September 24 all the way through Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 1. Please visit http://www.chickasaw.net/services/index_3156.htm for a complete schedule. Some of the more notable senior competitions include basketball shoot, softball throw and cow chip throw. The competitions are at Pennington Park in Tishomingo.

On October 29, TG Farms Pumpkin Patch will be sponsoring a pumpkin festival in Newcastle, Oklahoma. Hosted by Chickasaw Todd Griffith, the festival will include a talent show, pumpkin carving contest

and other events. All are invited and it should be great fun!

I'm sad to report that my sister-in-law passed away in Arkansas and her service was on Legislative Session Day which prevented me from attending. It is one of the few times I have ever missed session throughout my career as a Legislator. I regret it because I take my elected position very seriously.

Please continue to contact me by email or telephone anytime you have a concern, comment or need. I view a large part of my job as helping our citizens whenever they are in need of information or services. If you contact me by telephone, please leave your number 2 or 3 times in the message so that I can get it right. I have missed a couple calls in the past because the caller only said their number once and it was hard to determine the correct number. I'm sorry if it was you - please call me back.

My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Trip to ancestors' home place stirs quest for history

Chokma!
You have heard me encourage all Chickasaws to maintain our family history and family stories that have been passed on among the generations, and you will continue to hear from me how important it is. As my 101-year-old grandmother tells me every time I visit her, "Pass on our history to your children. It is so important that they know where they came from and that history is not lost. Show them where we came from."

Recently my three brothers and I decided to take a trek to Graveyard Bluff, located in Love County, two miles south of Enville, Okla., now an island in Lake Texoma. This was the homestead established in 1850 by our great-great-great-grandfather, who was the first elected Chickasaw Chief in Indian Territory, Edmund Pickens. It is said to also be the resting place for many Chickasaws. As we hiked and created our own trails along the very overgrown bluff, we imagined where Edmund's home might have been and from what materials it could have been made. We discovered very old pieces of brick throughout certain sections of the land, which could have been used to build his home or to help mark graves of our ancestors. We may never know exactly where he resided, but we were happy just to have the opportunity to stand on the very ground he



**SHANA
HAMMOND**

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and his family once occupied.

The Chickasaw Nation is making great strides in helping Chickasaws of all ages embrace our heritage and continue our educational endeavors. From the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur to the new website for children www.chickasawkids.com. We are providing several resources to our people to learn the language and embrace our past. For those of us who have smart phones, there is a language application available to download called Anompa, which means "to speak." Now we have access to the Chickasaw language any where we go.

Share stories with your children. Love your family.

Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

~ Deuteronomy 6:7 (on teaching the Commandments to our children)



Pontotoc District Legislator Shana Hammond with her brothers, from left, Jerod Tate, Brad Tate and Ryan Tate.

Now, many ways to stay on top of Chickasaw happenings

Chokma,
I hope all is well with you and your family.
What a month! Last month there was a period of seven days, I traveled over a thousand miles to attend Community Council meetings in Tyler, Texas and Monroe, La. The drive was very nice, and I love to get out, meet and visit with Chickasaw citizens, anywhere and everywhere I can. Not only are the activities fun and interesting, but they also allow me to be accessible, answer questions, and respond to needs both witnessed directly and those I become aware of through many great conversations.



**TOBY
PERKINS**

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I want to recognize Howard Thompson who leads the Tyler, Texas Community Council for putting together a great meeting and making and bringing some wonderful pashofa. Representatives from the Chickasaw Nation Public Relations office informed the group of all the communication channels used to distribute information to Chickasaw citizens. Through various websites citizens can get valuable information; program and services information at www.chickasaw.net, "Connections" shows are archived on www.kcnpradio.org, video and various channels at www.chickasaw.tv and content for children at www.chickasawkids.com.

At the Community Council meeting in Monroe, JoAnn Ellis gave an excellent Chickasaw language presentation and LaDonna Brown informed everyone about Historic Preservation efforts happening in Mississippi and Oklahoma. I had the privilege of meeting Wallace Dawkins and his family who live in West Monroe. I would like to wish him a happy 90th Birthday. It was great meeting everyone and I would encourage you, if you have never been, to find a Community Council close to you and check it out.

It was great seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the Annual Meeting & Festival events. If you could not make it this year, please make plans to attend next year. I want to thank everyone who worked the long hours needed to prepare and make the event so special. Your efforts are certainly appreciated.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family,
Toby Perkins, Legislator Pontotoc District, Seat 1
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Pontotoc District Legislator Toby Perkins and his wife, Alesha (back row second from left) with members of the Tyler Texas Chickasaw Community Council.

Cultural Center Festival Oct. 22

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Cultural Center will host its first-ever Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 22.

Several fun-filled events are scheduled for 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Center's Traditional Village. The village features a traditional winter house, summer house and many other historic structures.

Festivities will include a pumpkin patch, food arbors, roasting corn, a Pashofa cook-off, storytelling, stomp dance demonstration as well as Chickasaw language and horticulture booths.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur. For more information, please visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com or call (580) 622-7130.

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Thrillers at the McSwain!

Thriller movies and performances by the McSwain Theatre's mainstay Jae L. Stillwell and her band "Crossover" will highlight the theatre's October entertainment lineup.

Showing at 2 and 7 p.m. every Thursday in October are:

- Oct. 6 - "The Birds" (1963), a classic Alfred Hitchcock film about a small Northern California town where birds of all kinds suddenly begin to attack people.

- Oct. 13 - "Bud Abbott and Lou Costello Meet Frankenstein" (1948), a film depicting the comedy duo's encounters with Dracula, the Frankenstein Monster and the Wolf Man.

- Oct. 20 - "The Dead Can't Dance" (2010), a Native American-made film about three Indian brothers and their experience with zombies.

- Oct. 27 - "Psycho" (1960), an Academy Award-nominated movie directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

Tickets for all movies can be purchased at the door and are \$3 for general admission, \$2 for seniors and children under 12 years of age. A special \$5 combo deal includes admission, popcorn and drink.

McSwain lead act Jae L. Stilwell and her band "Crossover" will entertain McSwain patrons with live music 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$10 for children and can be purchased online.

The McSwain Theatre is located at 130 W. Main Street in Ada, Okla. For more information, visit www.mcswaintheatre.com or call the box office at (580) 332-8108.

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Thank you for your vote and support!



Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon
Supreme Court Justice

I want to thank each and every one of the Chickasaw Nation Citizens for your support during my reelection to the Supreme Court, Seat 3 of the Judicial Department. It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Supreme Court for the past 9 years. I will continue to preserve the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, help individual tribal members be certain tribal affairs are conducted in a proper and legal manner, make sure individual rights are protected and ensure that legislative acts are constitutional. I will continue my efforts to assist in providing a Chickasaw court system that will serve our citizens in an efficient and effective manner. Our Judicial Department is a very important part of the Chickasaw Nation's sovereignty. I will always be diligent in making sure our people are treated fairly and with dignity and respect. Again, thank you for your continued support.

2010 - 2011 CHICKASAW ROYALTY BID FAREWELL



Sesiley Robertson
Chickasaw Princess

Chukma! This is your Chickasaw Princess, Sesiley Robertson, updating you one last time. I have some things I wish to share with you, as my tenure as Chickasaw Princess comes to an end.

First of all I want to thank Governor Bill Anatoubby, and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, for their personal support and encouragement given to me and the other Princesses during our reign. And, I would like to give a special thanks to our program coordinator, Mary Hartley-Apodaca, for being as a mother to us and for helping and guiding us in our endeavor. I also would like to thank my family and friends, giving appreciation to my mother, Clarice Culberson, Randy and Leonard Fullagar, best friend, Katrina Williamson, great-grandmother, Vinola Brown, and to my sister-like co-reigning Princesses, Taloa Underwood and Maegan Carney and their families.

My year as Princess, I enjoyed traveling to destinations within the United States, such as Albuquerque, N.M. and New York City. There were so many things to experience in these two places such as architectural design of the buildings and the landscape, the cultural diversity of the people, and just the excitement of being in a place different than Oklahoma. Overall, I had fun, just spending time with the other Princesses and our coordinator working together.

As Chickasaw Princess, I learned that you hold a great responsibility, not only for yourself and your duties, but

for the other Princesses as well. Just being there for them and encouraging each other means a lot. No matter what your problems are, you must maintain a high level of confidence, staying positive and always smile. =)

You may have your ups and downs but sticking together is what's best. It has enabled me to become very close to Mary, Taloa, Maegan, and their families. I feel comfort, trust and support from each of them. You must make wise choices, not only when performing duties as a Princess but in aspects of your personal life because this will affect you. You must work hard to have the best performance. But, at the same time remember to have fun.

To other young Chickasaw women, I encourage you to stand up and take a chance to represent our Nation. I have seen so many beautiful and intelligent Native American girls that I think would make a great representative and leader. Go out there and share what you know about our culture while at the same time learning about other Native American cultures. It is a great privilege to represent our Nation and to know that you are being a role model to other young ladies out there. Work hard and have fun! And remember "Be graceful"

It has been a real honor and a privilege serving as a Chickasaw Ambassador.

One last time, I want to thank everyone and I love you all.

2010 - 2011 Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson



Taloa Underwood
Chickasaw Junior Princess

Over the years I have always wondered why the princesses always cried when they say their goodbyes, but now I know why. When you have been together a whole year experiencing many new things and going on amazing trips and just having fun, in the end I've come to realize that when it's all over you can't help but feel sad. Of course I will always be able to see Sessily and Maegan, they are my family and have become very important to me. Whenever I would be going through a stressful time in my life, I would look forward to seeing them and going to an event, they always knew how to cheer me up. Thank you girls!

I would also like to thank Mary. You are a very beautiful person both on the inside and outside. You are also a very brave person for having to put up with all three of us. Like the time I lost my boarding pass on our trip to Albuquerque, and I was freaking out. You told me that it was alright and things like that happen. You were so patient and understanding, I felt so much better. Most of all thank you for a wonderful year, you made everything fun and put up with our oddness. And bought us lots of food!

Hey Sesiely, remember rocking our vans at the Chickasaw Head Start Graduation? Or the limo ride at Brick Town? Yeah we were cool. I never thought I would meet someone like you. You're a beautiful, smart and funny girl. You're always quoting lines off of movies, quick changing on our way to events, man you were so fast I thought you were magic. I

would have to say my favorite time with you was at the Hall of Fame Banquet, also known as our night fails. Starting off with Mary spilling her tea all over the table. Then when some guys came over to take our picture, you had a big crumb on your chin. Or when I was talking with Mewayseh Greenwood and I had a green bean stuck between my teeth. Let's not forgot the long trip back to Sulphur. Mary kept wondering why it was taking so long to get back and somehow we ended up in Ardmore.

Maemae, oh my goodness. Maemae always had us laughing, you're so fun to have on trips. You were always telling us stories, talking nonstop and saying the most random things. You are more than just a cousin to me, you're like my sister now and we will always be close because of this year. Thank you Maemae!

I would also like to thank all the people who took care of me. Thank you Mom for hauling me and the other two around to meet Mary. My Mom was always there to help whenever she could. Manda and Katrina, we had so much fun at Albuquerque. Both of you were such supportive friends. Manda you took care of me, like when we were at the Gathering of Nations and got lost in the pit, you took my hand and was "like come on, we can make it". She would always carry my crown or help me with whatever I needed. Thank you!

Thank you to all the people who make all of this possible for me. It has been a great blessing. I would like to encourage any young lady to take an opportunity like this. You will learn so much and have tons of fun. It's been an amazing experience.

Yakoke



Maegan Carney
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chukma!

Saholchifoat Maegan Carney. I have had so much fun as Little Miss Chickasaw. I have had a lot of fun on the trips with the other princesses Taloa and Sesiley and our coordinator, Mary Hartley-Apodaca. I had fun meeting Bill Anoatubby at the events. He always has a hug for me. I liked going on the trips, parades, and the events we went to. It was fun meeting different people and going to different places.

I really liked the trips to Albuquerque and New York City. It was my first time to fly on a plane so that was really exciting! We were able to see a lot of places that I have not seen before and do things that were new events for me. I was scared because it was my first time flying, but after I was on the plane it was fun. Now I like to fly. I have always wanted to go and see the Statue of Liberty! And I did. It was great! I really like Times Square too.

I have met a lot of people at the events. I have taken pictures with other princesses and famous people. We took pictures with James and Ernie, the guitarist Mickie Free, and the band "Upon Darkness." They were Navajo and really funny. Everyone is always so nice and friendly.

I will miss being Little Miss Chickasaw Princess but I have a lot of great memories! I know the next princess will have a great time! Thank you for choosing me to represent the Chickasaw Nation and giving me a great year!

Yakoke,

Maegan Carney

BIRTHS



Amberlee Hope and Henlee Faith Self.

Amberlee Hope Self, 1, announces the birth of her baby sister, Henlee Faith Self. Henlee was born July 17, 2011 at 9:40 p.m., at Midland, Texas. She weighed 5 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 17.25 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Taylor Baty and Chris Self.

She is the granddaughter of Tiana Daniel and the great-granddaughter of Merle and Sylvia Daniel. She is the niece of Bailey Clinton.



Peyton Renee' and Eli Jade Robinson

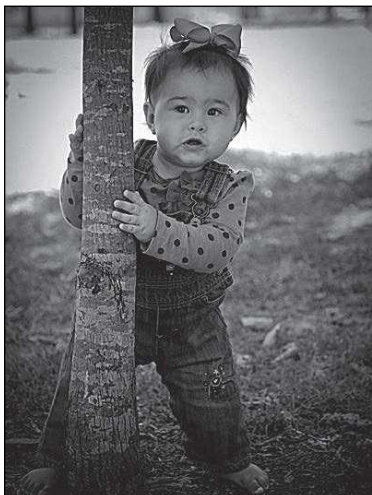
Peyton Renee' Robinson is proud to announce the arrival of her baby brother, Eli Jade Robinson. He was born July 12, 2011 at 12:49 p.m. at Ada, Okla. He weighed 7 lbs., 7.3 oz and measured 19 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Dane and Laura Robinson.

Maternal grandparents are Renee' and Karl Burkhardt and the late Donald Carmichael. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Curtis and Dollie Harvey and the late Leonard and Dorothy Fox.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Dayna Robinson. Paternal great-grandparents are Charles and Beth Leewright and the late Meredith and Gertrude Robinson.

BIRTHDAYS



Emma Louise Jacome

Emma Louise Jacome will turn one, October 19, 2011. Her family and friends will help her celebrate her birthday October 22 at Harmony Baptist Church.

Emma is the daughter of Joaquin and Jessica Jacome, of Rogersville, Mo.

She is the granddaughter of Steve and Debbie Saunders, of Ardmore, Okla., and Victor and Carmela Jacome, of Rogersville.

Happy Birthday Emma Louise!

We love you very much.



Abigail May Stites

Abigail May Stites turned eight-years-old September 16.

She is the daughter of Travis J. and Cynthia L. Stites, of Lone Grove, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Marcella J. Tyson, of Red Oak, Okla., Anthony R. Crowell (Cherokee), of Holdenville, Okla., Cheryl A. (Cherokee) and Travis E. Stites, both of Lone Grove.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Esterling Jefferson Tyson (Choctaw) and the late Isaac Tyson (Chickasaw) formerly of Pontotoc, Okla., Wanda G. and (Cherokee), Floyd M. Box, both of Tishomingo, Okla., Vera May Russell, of Shawnee, Okla., Hazel Stites, of Brownwood, Texas, and Tommy Stites, of Shawnee.

She has four uncles, Wesley A. Stites, of Ardmore, Okla., Harmon W. Stites, of Lone Grove, Jesse R. Crowell, of Florida, and Jonathan Nail (Chickasaw/Choctaw), of Ada, Okla.; and three aunts, Cyndee Stites, of Ardmore, Desarea Nail, of Ada, and Sara Henning, of Ardmore; and several cousins, great-aunts, and great-uncles.

Happy Birthday Hoot-n-Nanny! We love you.

BIRTHS

Ezekiel Alex Wayne Patterson, of Madill, Okla., announces the birth of his baby sister, Aliza Inez Patterson. Aliza was born Aug. 22, 2011 at OU Children's Hospital, Oklahoma City. She weighed 5 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

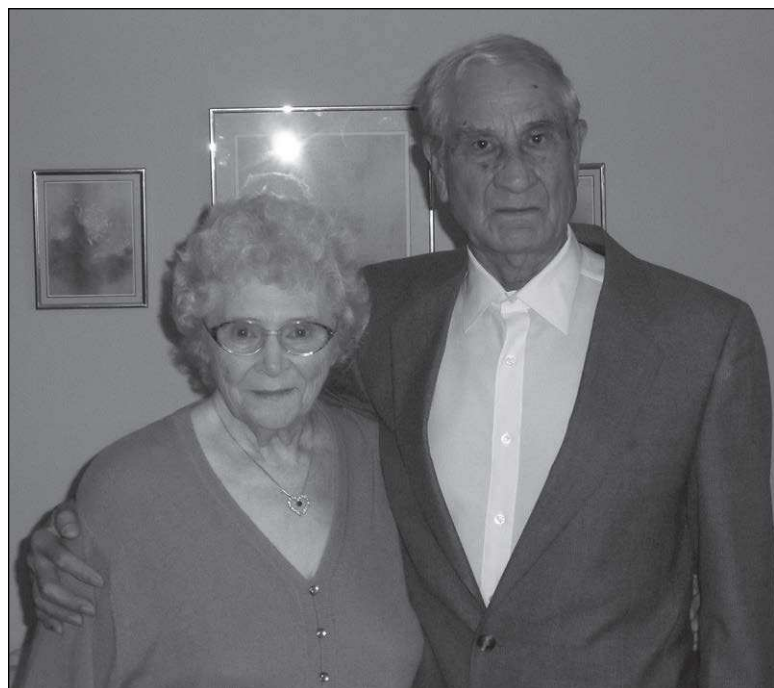
She is the daughter of Timothy and Cara (Roberts) Patterson, of Madill.

She is the granddaughter of Tanya Roberts, and the great-granddaughter of Emma McLeod, both of Connerville, Okla.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.



Kermit and Mary Francis Dean Underwood

Underwoods celebrate 60th Anniversary

Kermit and Mary Francis Dean Underwood celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary September 11, 2011.

They resided in Stratford, Texas when they wed and later moved to Oklahoma, Kansas and then to current residence at Westminster, Colo.

They were blessed with three son, Robert Wayne, Curtis and Preston K., and an adopted

grandson, Preston A., and other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Underwood and his brother, Jessie Wayne (deceased) were born at Lark, Okla., to Luta May Laxson Underwood and Jessie (Scullen) Underwood, a full-blood and newborn enrollee.

Chickasaw student receives journalism degree from Georgetown University



Tressa Iris Kirby

Tressa Iris Kirby is a 2011 graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. She is the daughter of Ronald G. and Laurie Kirby, of Alexandria, Va., and the late Darlene Alexis Melnkovic.

Ms. Kirby earned her certificate of journalism degree

August 2011. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in communications from Radford University, Radford, Va.

She was employed in communications by the American Diabetes Association and by Georgetown University Medical Center prior to joining Georgetown University Hospital as a senior communications specialist.

Ms. Kirby is a three-time Chickasaw education grant recipient. She wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation for their generous support of her educational pursuits and hopes one day to work for the Chickasaw Nation.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens

regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.



Tressa Iris Kirby and Gregory Dean Mattingly

Kirby, Mattingly to marry in South Carolina

Ronald and Laurie Kirby, of Alexandria, Va., announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Tressa Iris Kirby, to Gregory Dean Mattingly. Miss Kirby is also the daughter of the late Darlene Alexis Melnkovic.

Mr. Mattingly is the son of Curtis and Nancy Dean Mattingly, of Fairfax, Va.

The couple will exchange vows October 8, 2011 at Palmetto Hall Plantation Club, Hilton Head, S.C.

Ms. Kirby is the granddaughter of the late Gerald and Violet-Iris Kirby, of Denver City, Texas and the late Alexander and Anne "Annie" Melnkovic, of Johnstown, Penn.

The bride-to-be earned a master's of communications degree and a bachelor's degree of English, both from Radford University, Radford, Va. She is a

graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School, Manassas, Va.

She is currently employed by Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Mattingly is the grandson of the late Richard Curtis Mattingly, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Anne Beall Bastian, of Gaithersburg, Maryland, and the late Benjamin and Elaine Dean, of Arlington, Va.

The future bridegroom earned his bachelor of economics degree from the University of Virginia. He is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Fairfax, Va.

He is currently employed as a financial planner for Lara, Shull, & May, Tysons Corner, Va.

Following a honeymoon to Mendoza, Argentina, the couple will reside in Arlington, Va.

Chickasaw photographer's work selected for 'New Native Photography' exhibition



Vicki Monks

SANTA FE, N.M. - The photography of Chickasaw artist Vicki Monks is part of the "New Native Photography 2011" exhibition at the New Mexico Museum of Art.

Ms. Monks' work is included among works of 18 other Native artists. The show is a collaboration between the museum and the Southwestern Association of Indian Arts.

The exhibition focuses on the artists' perspectives on everything from ancestry and environmental concerns to

stereotypes and tribal sovereignty.

"I think photography is an important element in storytelling," Ms. Monks said. "You can convey a lot of deeper meaning with photography and that adds to the body of storytelling."

The works of two other Oklahoma Native photographers are included in the exhibition.

Shan Goshorn, of Tulsa, and Richard Ray Whitman also have art in the exhibit.

Goshorn has won "Best of Show" for the past two years at Red Earth and Whitman has had his work exhibited at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

For Ms. Monks, who grew up in Tahlequah, Okla., among Cherokee people, portraits of Native people of mixed tribal heritage are fascinating.

The exhibition features many styles, from simple to layered digital images.

Udall Scholarship, Native American Congressional Internship open to Native students

The Udall Foundation offers two amazing opportunities for Native American and Alaska Native students:

The Udall Scholarship: This \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to 80 undergraduate sophomores and juniors pursuing careers related to Tribal Public Policy, Native Health Care, or the Environment (you must be a Native American/Alaska Native to be eligible in the first two categories). Udall Scholars also get to attend the Udall Scholar Orientation and are immediately plugged into a growing and active alumni network.

Native American Congressional

Internship: This ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C. is for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian Country. The internship is fully funded: the Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals, and a stipend at the close of the program.

Please help spread the word to students who might benefit from these programs. For more information, visit www.udall.gov or e-mail Mia Ibarra at ibarra@udall.gov.

CPASA Annual Meeting set

Citizens for the Protection of the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer (CPASA) will conduct its annual meeting 6 p.m. Oct. 13 in Pennington Park, Tishomingo.

CPASA grew out of 2002 grassroots effort to protect the Arbuckle Simpson aquifer from man-made threats to the aquifer and the springs and streams which flow from it.

Members of CPASA live

throughout Oklahoma and in other states. CPASA works to promote understanding of water issues related to aquifers, springs and waterways.

CPASA also works to educate and influence legislators and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in the development of water policy in the state.

For more information, go to www.cpasa.net



Rachel Joy Byars

Byars named to OBU President's Honor Roll

SHAWNEE, Okla. - Chickasaw Student Rachel Joy Byars, an elementary education major, has been named to Oklahoma Baptist University's President's Honor Roll for the spring 2011 semester. Students who achieved a semester grade point average of 3.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale are named to the President's Honor Roll.

OBU, located in Shawnee has been rated one of the top 10 comprehensive colleges in the West by U.S. News & World Report for 19 consecutive years and has been Oklahoma's highest rated comprehensive college in the U. S. News rankings for 17 consecutive years.

For 2011, Forbes.com ranked OBU as the top university in Oklahoma.

Miss Byars is a member of the OBU Symphonic Band, Phillos, Kappa Delta Pi, POE, Phi Eta Sigma, Mortar Board, and the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society. She was Junior Marshall for the OBU Winter and Spring Commencements.

She is the daughter of Allen and Joy Byars of Beggs, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Rex and Bonnie Byars of Beggs, and Mildred Pitman of Saint Jo, Texas.

East Central Chickasaw Appreciation Day Nov. 5

Chickasaw students age 13-18 and their families are invited to celebrate Chickasaw Appreciation Day Nov. 5 at East Central University in Ada, Okla. Activities planned are campus tours, a tailgate and ECU Tiger football vs. Harding State.

For more information or to find out how to register call (580) 310-6620.

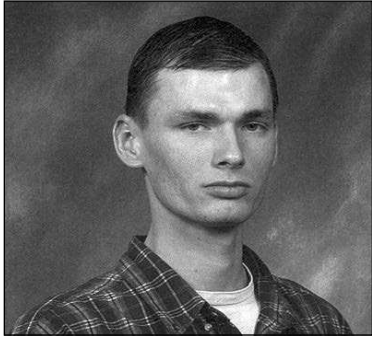
Making art from salvage



Ed Marris, Ardmore, Okla., constructs airplanes from fan blades and various salvaged parts. He paints the planes a bright color and displays the planes at his residence for everyone to view.



Chickasaw Christian volume features 51 works



Calvin W. Allison

Chickasaw citizen Calvin W. Allison, 33, of Allen, Okla., has recently published a compilation of 51 original Christian poems.

"A Sunset Rising" is Mr. Al-

lison's first book of Christian poetry.

A prolific poet for more than 18 years, Mr. Allison's previous works reflected on his painful adolescent experiences.

"I supposed my lifestyle had something to do with it," he said. "I once was a man that lived life so recklessly," he said.

An inspirational event changed the style and scope of writing.

"On February 27, 1999 something happened that changed my life," he said. "I had an experience that led me to seek more of God. I turned to God and repented for the way I was

living, and I eventually found Jesus."

His experience led him to burn his previous works in his grandmother's fireplace.

"I no longer had a desire to write like that. I was a new man, a man of God."

"A Sunset Rising" contains 51 poems, plus Mr. Allison's biography and testimony.

"I hope readers are blessed," he said.

The book is available at bookstores in the Ada area and can be ordered by contacting Mr. Allison at (580) 235-0164.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw student travels Europe with cultural program



Zachary King

A Chickasaw student recently toured Europe as part of a program initiated by President Dwight Eisenhower.

Zachary King, of Gilbert, S.C., spent 19 days in England, France and Italy this summer as part of the People to People program. The program began in 1956 when Pres. Eisenhower wanted more cultural and educational interaction among different peoples.

During his travels, Zachary was in London, Paris and Rome.

A special part of his trip was a visit to WWII's D-Day Omaha Beach. Zachary was selected to place a wreath at the memorial.

All the students spent three nights with Italian families sharing ideas and customs.

Zachary worked for nine months prior to the trip to pay the tuition. He collected scrap metal, took a part-time job, did yard work and more.

He is the son of Jason and LaDonna King, of Gilbert. Zachary has a younger brother, eight-year-old Jacob.

Barrs celebrate 50th Anniversary



Talmage and Carol Barr celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 19, 2011 at Bethany Church of Christ, Bethany, Okla. The couple were married March 19, 1961 at Ada, Okla. The reception was hosted by the couple's son Les Barr. The Barrs have four children, Leslie, Lanya, Jana and Larissa.

Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.



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Professional Opportunities with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Oklahoma, the Division of Health has professional openings at the hospital in the following specialties:

- Outpatient Internal Medicine Physician
- Family Practice Physician
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

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Chickasaw School of Guitar opens musical avenues for students

Myraya Folsom enjoys listening to her mother, grandmother and aunts play the guitar.

"I really love how it sounds," the 17-year-old from Vanoss, Okla., said.

For the last year, Myraya said she, too, has tried to play the guitar.

"My mom tried to teach me but it wasn't working out too well," she said.

But thanks to a generous donation of guitars from Creative Entertainment Unlimited, Inc., in Oklahoma City and the Chickasaw School of Guitar, Myraya and several other Chickasaw students were able to get guitar instruction.

The 12-week pilot program was formed early this year to put the donated guitars in the hands of interested students, said Laura Stewart, Arts in Education director for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

"We didn't just want to give a student a guitar - what if it just sits in a closet and collects dust?" Ms. Stewart asked. "What we needed to do was figure out a way to give lessons to those students who really wanted to give this a try."

Participating students were also provided with an opportunity to perform in a recital Aug. 26 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla. Many of the students had no musical experience prior to the guitar school.

"We are very pleased to work with Creative Entertainment Unlimited on this project, because we believe it can enhance the lives of the students in meaningful ways," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Learning to play a musical instrument is not only fun, it can also teach discipline, offer a sense of accomplishment and improve academic skills."

The students received the

guitar after successfully completing the class. Performing at the free recital were: Myraya Folsom and Daniel Mead of Allen; Nathaniel Rodgers, of Latta; Logan Hatter, of Wapanucka; Tristen Wood, of Ada; and David Parsons, of Sulphur.

More than 50 individuals attended the concert to encourage the students.

The Chickasaw School of Guitar is led by instructors Greg Griffin and Wayne Willis, both of Ada. It is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities' Arts in Education program and seeks to bring music in the life of young Chickasaws. The program is open to Chickasaw youth, grades nine through 12.

For more information about the Chickasaw School of Guitar, please visit www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 272-5520.

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Six Chickasaw School of Guitar students performed during a free recital Aug. 26 at McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla. Front row, seated, Myraya Folsom and Logan Hatter. Back row from left, Daniel Mead, Nathaniel Rodgers, David Parsons and Tristen Wood.

Marcy Gray

This month on Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

"Call the I.T. guy" - October 5
Do you have an issue with your home computer? Don't worry and call our I.T. guy!

"A penny saved" - October 12
Have questions about your 401K? Join us this week and talk with a financial planning expert about how to save and invest for the future.

"Automobile maintenance 101" - October 19

Is your car making a funny noise? Call in this week and talk to a local mechanic about auto-

motive maintenance and repair.

"Preparing lawns and gardens for the winter" - October 26

It's going to get cold outside! Get your lawn and garden ready for the cooler season.

"Places to see this season in the Chickasaw Nation" - November 2

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Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

Chickasaw Hall of Fame nominations open

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Nominations must be received at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters by the end of the business day, December 1, 2011.

Nominations of living or deceased individuals will be accepted for consideration.

Nominees must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft, or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation,

and/or have made outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or society in general.

Inductees must be citizens of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become citizens of the Nation.

Elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are not eligible for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame while holding office.

Inductees must commit to being present for the banquet and induction ceremonies April 19, 2012.

Current employees are not

eligible for nomination. Elected officials are ineligible for induction while holding office.

A nomination form is available on the Chickasaw Nation Website Visit www.chickasaw.net/hof. Nominations should be sent to Michele Tingle, Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road, Sulphur, OK 73086 or emailed to Michele.tingle@chickasaw.net. For more information contact Michele Tingle at 580-622-7134.

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OU Kids Day



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, second row, third from left, with a group of Chickasaw youth during OU Kids Day. More than 65 Chickasaw students from the Chickasaw Nation attended the Sept. 3 event, which included a luncheon, a visit with former University of Oklahoma players and Gov. Anoatubby and a ticket to the OU/ Tulsa game.

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Cancer Center barbecue Oct. 23 at Agri-Plex

ADA, Okla. – Ada residents and friends are invited to enjoy barbecue and country swing during an event benefitting the Peggy and Charles Stephenson Cancer Center, Oklahoma's only comprehensive academic cancer center.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 23, at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, 1710 N. Broadway. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with the dance following from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Organizer Freda Ozbirn, a cancer survivor, member of the Cancer Center's statewide Board of Advocates, and Chickasaw invites everyone to attend.

"We'll have wonderful food and great music to enjoy, all the while providing funds to

improve the lives of cancer patients from across Oklahoma," Mrs. Ozbirn said. "Cancer affects far too many Oklahomans with devastating results, so this is an opportunity to help do something about it."

Music will be provided by the Desperados, composed of Curt Canada, Jim Beasley, Ray Deviney and Benny Kubiak.

In addition to a silent auction, a new saddle made by noted saddle maker Billy Cook will be raffled. The saddle was donated by Lonnie Ozbirn. Tickets for the raffle are \$1. The raffle is sponsored by Rein in Cancer.

Lunch tickets are available for \$10 and dance tickets are \$5 per person. For additional information, to purchase tickets or for accommodations on

the basis of disability, please contact Mrs. Ozbirn at (405) 428-2127.

The Peggy and Charles Stephenson Cancer Center was established after the Oklahoma Legislature called on the University of Oklahoma to assume statewide leadership in cancer prevention, research, treatment and education. The Center is working toward National Cancer Institute designation, the gold standard of cancer research and treatment. The Cancer Center opened a new clinical building at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City in July.

For more information about the Cancer Center, please visit www.OklahomaCancerCenter.org.

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Elnora Gaither, Beloved Elder - March 23, 1916 to Aug. 29, 2011

We extend condolences to the family of Elnora (Greenwood) Gaither, beloved elder who peacefully passed away August 29, 2011 at her home in Portland.

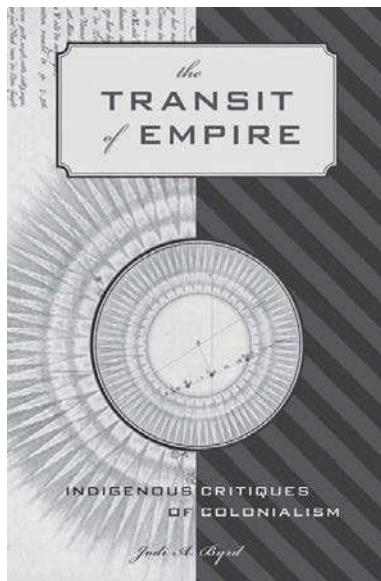
Elnora, age 95, was a beacon of light to all who knew

her. Last year it was an honor to watch as she met her half-cousin, fellow elder Thomas Young, for the first time. Her joy for life inspired us; her smile warmed our hearts.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother - and friend. Peace be with you dear friend, we'll miss you.

Our council's next gathering is November 19, 1:30 p.m. - Marshall Center, Vancouver WA. Nation Legislature, Beth Alexander, will be joining us. For council information, contact Rena: 503-543-7401 or Kim: 503-819-3097. Or visit our NEW council website at <http://www.pnccc.us>.

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Jodi Byrd is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and assistant professor of American Indian studies and English at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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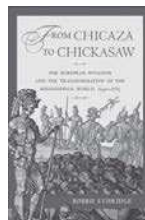
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Revenge of the Bulls
October 21-22 at the Agri-Plex beginning at 7 p.m.
Contact: Deanna Townsend 580-436-2603

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

EMET

Harvest Fest
October 15 at the Chickasaw Nation White House
from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Contact: Regina Berna 580-371-9835

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

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Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
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Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

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1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

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Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

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Contact: Regina Berna 580-371-9835

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Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

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Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

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Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
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Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-393-0696

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Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

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Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

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3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

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Information is key

Walk raises awareness of suicide risks



Jennifer Parks shares her family's experience with suicide during the Ada "Love Lives On - Suicide Survivor Walk and Resource Fair" Aug. 27 in Ada, Okla. Photo by Sharmina Manandhar.

ADA, Okla. - Jennifer Parks had never seen her grandfather cry until her cousin's funeral 15 years ago.

"I saw tears rolling down his face," the 35-year-old Mrs. Parks, a Chickasaw, said of her now-deceased grandfather. "I knew that that had had affected his life tremendously."

Mrs. Parks, who has lost two cousins and an uncle to suicide, shared her story during the Ada "Love Lives On - Suicide Survivor Walk and Resource Fair."

"It's one of the hardest things I have ever watched my family go through," Mrs. Parks said. "Some of my family suicides had to do with chemical dependency - either alcohol or drug."

The experience encouraged Mrs. Parks to choose social work as her career and become a "resource for people who are less fortunate."

The Ada native is an education coordinator at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and plans to enroll in a graduate

program in counseling.

The suicide awareness walk was Aug. 27 at Julianna Park on Main Street in Ada. The park is near the Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Department and tribal Health Meth/Suicide Prevention Initiative.

Approximately 100 people participated in the walk to remember those who have died by suicide. Participants also wrote notes to their lost loved ones, shared personal stories and supported each other during the process of healing.

The event also featured several information booths to increase awareness about suicide as a public health issue as well as offer hope to the individuals and families affected by suicide.

"There's a lot of suicide around us and a lot of times we don't talk about it because we don't want to invite that into our home," said Christie Byars, prevention specialist at the Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Department.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that more than 34,000 people die by suicide in this country every year. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds and fifth-leading cause of deaths among five- to 14-year-olds.

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Help is available

A free, 24-hour U.S. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. You may call the suicide prevention lifeline for yourself or for someone you care about. All calls are confidential. The call is routed to the nearest crisis center in a national network of more than 150 crisis centers. The Lifeline's national network of local crisis centers, provide crisis counseling and mental health referrals day and night. For more information, visit www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

An internationally recognized suicide prevention training program offered by the Chickasaw Nation provides practical training for those who want to learn how to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. Developed by

Canada-based LivingWorks Education, Inc., the two-day interactive Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) involves role playing and group discussion to recognize and review risks of suicide as well as learn the ways to prevent it. The free training, also a part of the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition, is offered once every other month and is open to public. Participation in both days is required.

The Chickasaw Nation also offers a two-hour class called suicideTALK that encourages participants to talk about suicide and find a part that they can play in preventing suicide.

To learn more or to register for ASIST or suicideTALK, contact the Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Department at (580) 421-4591.

Flu shots Oct. 17-22 at CNMC

Flu is a highly contagious disease! You can unknowingly spread the flu to co-workers, family members and others who may be at high risk for flu-related complications.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is pleased to offer flu vaccinations. It's easy and convenient for you and your family to receive this important vaccination.

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of charge October 17-22 in the Medical Center Town Center, next to the Okchamali Café. The hours will be Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please don't miss this special opportunity to receive your free flu vaccination. For more information, please call the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center at (800) 851-9136.

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Tribal Division of Health Team of the Year



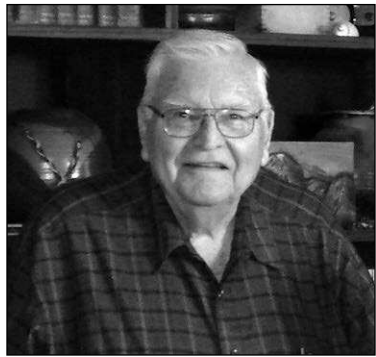
The Diabetic Care Center staff displays the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health 2010 Team of the Year Award. Front row from left, Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Glenna Ballard, Lea Caufield, Ramona Miller, Dr. Curtis Harris, Melissa Vavricka Conaway, Bobby Saunkeah, Doug Busha, Melanie Ramirez, Beverly Weaver, Sarah Monson and Wilma Harden. Back row from left, Donna Herrin, Chris Buchanan, Nelda Osborn, Debra Provence, Latonia Orphan, Casey Brown, Shondra McCage, Stephen Shelton, Justin Fowler and Marty Wafford. Kenny Morgan is not pictured.

Employee of the Year



Angel Martinez, left, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, is awarded the 2010 Employee of the Year Award by Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, tribal Division of Health administrator.

Wells scholarship dedicated to building, engineering students



Homer "Dee" Wells

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of the Homer "Dee" Wells Memorial Scholarship. This award was established in memory of Homer "Dee" Wells. Mr. Wells was born August 30, 1931, in Durant, Oklahoma to Lena (Ward) and Norman Dee Wells who was an original Chickasaw enrollee with allotted land in "Wells" Valley, Oklahoma.

Dee married Joan Bainer on September 6, 1953 in Fort Collins, Colorado and shared 56 faithful years together. He is survived by his wife, Joan; sons Randy (Jan) Wells, Buffalo, Missouri, Mark (Kathy)

Wells, Brookfield, Wisconsin, and Doug (LeeAnn) Wells, Eureka, Missouri; daughters, Sandy (Darl) Chapman, Fort Worth, Texas, and Kindra Wells, Emporia, Kansas; sisters, Anna Jo Wells and Linda McGuire, both of Durant; 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Dee served his country in the U.S. Air Force. In 1970, he moved to Kansas and spent the rest of his life as a construction contractor owning Dee Wells Construction and Consulting, Inc. In retirement, he enjoyed woodworking and researching his Chickasaw heritage while attending many of their annual meetings and events across the country.

The Homer Dee Wells Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a full-time Chickasaw student in his or her second year of an associate degree (junior or senior), undergraduate or graduate. The student must be majoring in construction management and/or engineering while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Chickasaw Foundation marks 40th year

Happy Anniversary to the Chickasaw Foundation! The Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization founded in 1971. The Foundation seeks to preserve, promote, and protect Chickasaw culture and development in a wide range of areas, from historic preservation to health care.

Located at 110 West 12th Street in Ada, Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Foundation offers over 60 major specific and general purpose scholarships for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America, and a commit-



ment to learning. These scholarships are funded through generous donations, and yearly fundraising events.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs at Murray State College (MSC) are educational programs administered by the Chickasaw Foundation and funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education to prepare high school students for success in postsecondary education. The first program was implemented in 1995 serving 50 students. An additional Upward Bound program and a Math and Sci-

ence Upward Bound program were added, and the programs now serve 157 students in grades 9-12 in schools throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Foundation is governed by a board of trustees and employs 10 full-time workers. The board consists of a chairman and seven members; the Foundation office houses an executive director, special projects coordinator and an administrative aide. The remaining positions are located at Murray State College and are associated with the Upward Bound programs. If you would like additional information regarding the Chickasaw Foundation or Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound, please contact us at (580) 421-9030.

Chickasaw Foundation Call for Artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The Foundation is currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for its art auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 18, 2011. This reception is held annually to recognize donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation

will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. In 2007 the Foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance).

This one-time award is a competitive scholarship offered annually. If you are in-

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Elnora J. Gaither



Elnora J. Gaither died August 29, 2011. She was born March 23, 1916 at Sulphur, Okla., to Julius and Cora Greenwood.

She married Thomas Gaither and they moved to Joplin, Mo., where her two daughters, Sara and Sandra, were born.

Mrs. Gaither worked as an administrative assistant in a real estate office while she was raising her family. She lived a great part of her life in Parker, Ariz., and in Phoenix. She moved to Portland, Ore., in 2000 and in pretty short order considered herself to be a true Oregonian.

She was an active member of the Chickasaw Nation and was very proud of her Indian heritage.

Mrs. Gaither was a loving, generous and giving Christian person. For 13 years, she did volunteer work at a Christian nursing home in Phoenix, where she was awarded for being an outstanding volunteer. After she moved to her retirement homes in Portland, she was always one of the first ones to welcome new residents to the homes to help make them comfortable in their new surroundings. She brought a bright light into the lives of all who knew her. Thanksgiving and Christmas this year will not be the same, as she was the matriarch of the group and doted over by all who were around her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, in 1979.

She is survived by a sister, Dwain McGouirk, of Texas; daughters, Sara Van Houten and Sandra LaDuc; grandchildren, Chris McCorkle, Kati Jimenez, Travis LaDuc and Julie Andolino; and 5 great-grandchildren. She had cousins in Oklahoma and California and numerous nieces and

nephews.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

After the services in Portland, she was laid to rest alongside her husband, Tom, in Phoenix.

She wished any remembrances be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

She lived a full and joyous life and died in peace with Christ at her home. She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered.

Verna M. Johnson



Verna M. Johnson, 72, of Lone Grove, Okla., died September 20, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Funeral services were September 24, 2011 at Concord Missionary Baptist Church, Ardmore. Interment followed in Concord Cemetery.

She was born July 30, 1939 at Madill, Okla., to Nathan Thompson, Sr. and Sarah (Ensharkey) Thompson.

She will be remembered as a devoted and loving mother and grandmother spending her life doing things for her family. She was a member of the Concord Missionary Baptist Church where she was always faithful in attendance. She enjoyed going to gospel singings and loved to sing the Choctaw hymns.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter Carolyn Kay Lewis; two sisters, Corena Bob and Susie Thompson.

She is survived by three sons, Jodie Lewis, of Lone Grove, Rodney Johnson and Shannon Johnson, Sr., both of Ardmore; four daughters, Theresa Lewis, Ramona Perez, Luella Johnson, and Gayla Johnson, all of Ard-

more; a granddaughter Mariah Stoliby, whom she raised as a daughter; two brothers, Nathan Thompson, Jr., of Ardmore and Edwin Thompson, of Overbrook, Okla.; 22 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four niece; and five nephews.

Pallbearers were Edmond Davis, Jr., Mond Davis, Glenn Davis, Randy Davis, Randy White and Carlos Cabrera. Honorary bearers will be Michael Blackwood and Cameron Williams.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Anderson Shields



Anderson Shields, 91, of Wewoka, Okla., died August 5, 2011 at his residence. Funeral services were August 9, 2011 at Stout-Phillips Funeral Home with Rev. Sam Johnson, Rev. Larry Harrison and Rev. Kelly Tiger officiating. Burial fol-

lowed in Oakwood Cemetery. Mr. Shields was born at Jesse, Okla., to the late Esaw and Myrtle (Gipson) Shields.

He was a member of Boiling Spring Methodist Church.

He loved fishing, hunting, watching wrestling and whittling on wood. His favorite was arguing with his Uncle Willis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Martha; brothers, Albert and Benjamin Carpenter; siblings, Betrice Tekubie, Bobbie Jean Shields, and Josephine Shields; Jack Shields and Lilly Shields.

He is survived by two sons, Marlon Shields and Ricky

Shields, both of Wewoka. brothers and sisters, George Carpenter, of Texas, Pauline Brown, of Fittstown, Okla., Dorene Carpenter, of Albuquerque, and Dorothy Demarris, of Duncan, Okla.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Note of Thanks

The family of Pauline Brown would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation and employees for the kind words and sympathy expressed for the loss of her brother, Anderson (Cubby) Shields.

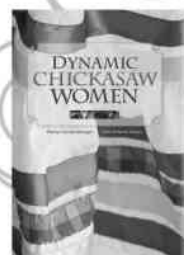
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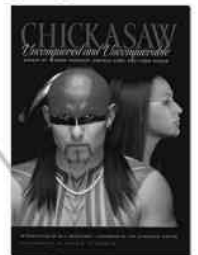


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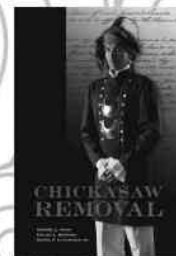
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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
August 19, 2011**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Mike Watson, Wilma Pauline Watson, Wayne Scribner, Michael L. Wingo, Bill G. Lance, Eddie Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Robyn Scribner, Rachel Jimboy, Carter Gipson, Robert T. Andrew, Judy Shockley, Suzanne Van Cooten, Dana Lance, Matthew Gore, Billy Callen, Tom Bolitho, Lona A. Barrick, Gwen Nichols, Jerald Nickols, Frank Johnson, Jr., Frank S. Johnson, Tony Choate, Lisa John, Robert Bennett, Jay Keel

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 15, 2011

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve the minutes of July 15, 2011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2011 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 28-005, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Sections 2-425, 2-426 and 2-427 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Judicial, Legislative, and Executive Department Salaries)

The Chickasaw Constitution, Article VII, Section 11, as amended by Amendment IV dated September 27, 1990, provides that the Tribal Legislature shall review salaries and allowances pertaining to the elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation every fourth year. September, 2011, represents that last month of the fourth year of the cycle established in 1983. In the four years since the salaries of Chickasaw Nation elected officials were last reviewed in accordance with this statutory requirement, and more particularly during the eight years that have passed since the base salaries were last adjusted for the Tribal Legislature, the Chickasaw Nation has grown dramatically in terms of the scope of its economic development and service provision to tribal citizens, number of employees, overall annual revenues, and complexity of its initiatives. Significant growth in these areas is expected to continue over the next four years before the Tribal Legislature will again have an opportunity to address this important matter. In order to attract and maintain the level of skill, ability, experience, and expertise appropriate to lead a tribal organization of the Chickasaw Nation's scope and sophistication, increases in the compensation of elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are warranted. This resolution would adjust compensation for elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation to levels more consistent with compensation for leadership in organizations of similar size and complexity.

This resolution amends that part of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-425, pertaining to the salary

and retirement benefits of the Justices of the Supreme Court. This resolution increases the base salary of each Justice of the Supreme Court from \$3,000 per month to \$4,000 per month. It also increases the monthly amount for serving as Chief Justice from \$100 to \$250.

This resolution also amends that part of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-426, pertaining to the salary and retirement benefits of the Tribal Legislators. This resolution increases the base salary of each Tribal Legislator from \$3,500 to \$5,000. This resolution also increases the percentage increase in salary per year of service for each Tribal Legislator from 3.5% to 5%.

This resolution also amends that part of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-427 pertaining to the base salary and retirement benefits of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. This resolution increases the base salary of the Governor from \$300,000 to \$600,000 per year and the base salary of the Lieutenant Governor from \$200,000 to \$400,000 per year. A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve PR28-005.

Ms. Elliott stated she was in support of the recommended compensation for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor; however she recommended an amendment to decrease the Legislative compensation to the same amount as the recommended amount for Judicial.

A motion was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by

Mr. Perkins to decrease the recommended Legislative compensation to the same amount as the recommended amount for Judicial Department Salaries.

Members voting yes: Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins
2 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

11 no votes

The motion to amend PR28-005 failed.

Mrs. Alexander offered an amendment to PR28-005.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to amend the Judicial Department salaries to \$3,500 per month, the Legislative Department salaries to \$3,500 per month, the Lieutenant Governor's salary to \$200,000 per year, and the Governor's salary to \$300,000 per year.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case
2 yes votes

Members voting no: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

11 no votes

The motion to amend PR28-005 failed.

Ms. Case offered a motion to table PR28-005 until a clear cost is given of what these expenditures will cost the Chickasaw Nation.

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2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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SEPTEMBER 2011 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 28-043**Utility Service Easement in McClain County**

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement to service the new facility at Newcastle Gaming, granted to OG&E Electric Services, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and authority to enter upon and install, erect, operate, maintain, and reconstruct underground and/or above ground a system of conduits, wires, cables, vaults, junction boxes, switches, fuses, transformers, service connection boxes and other fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electrical current and communication messages, including the right of ingress and egress to and from said system across adjoining lands of Grantor, upon and across the real property and premises described in Exhibit "A" situated in McClain County, State of Oklahoma. Grantor further covenants and agrees that no building or other structure shall ever be erected nor shall any excavation or other removal of soil, so as to change the grade of terrain, be accomplished by Grantor, its heirs or assigns, within the above described easement area unless the written consent of the Grantee is first obtained. Grantor further acknowledges the requirements of 63 Oklahoma Statutes (2003) Section 142.1, et seq. (The "One-Call Statute"). The rights and privileges above granted to continue so long as same are used or needed for the transmission and distribution of electric current or communication messages; but should the Grantee remove its property from the premises and abandon the right of way herein granted, then the rights granted in this easement shall terminate.

Property Location: Newcastle Gaming Tract, McClain County, Oklahoma

Use: Utility Service Easement to OG&E Electric Service

Presented By: Land Development Committee

General Resolution Number 28-043**Utility Service Easement in McClain County Exhibit "A"**

An easement in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Two (2), Township Nine (9) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, written by Timothy G. Pollard, PLS 1474, dated July 28, 2011, using a Deed Bearing of N89°47'20"E between existing monuments at the Southwest and Southeast corners of said SW1/4 as a Basis of Bearing, said easement being Ten (10) feet in width, Five (5) feet each side of a centerline described as:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said SW1/4;

Thence N89°47'20"E, on the South Line of said SW1/4, for a distance of 453.53 feet;

Thence N00°12'40"W for a distance of 38.16 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence N36°51' 12"E, on said centerline, for a distance of 15.80 feet;

Thence N53°05'18"E, on said centerline, for a distance of 15.28 feet;

Thence N89°49' 15"E, on said centerline, for a distance of 402.91 feet to a point 5.00 feet West of the East line of a tract of land described in Book 1695 at Page 410 as filed in the McClain County Clerk's records;

Thence N00°15'45"W and parallel to the East line of said tract for a distance of 2518.71 feet to a point 5.00 feet South of the North line of said tract;

Thence S89°50'01"W, on said centerline, for a distance of 285.05 feet to a point 5.00 feet Southeast of the Southeast line of the Right-of-way to the City of Newcastle described in Resolution 23-077;

Thence S77°54'33"W and parallel to said Right-of-way for a distance of 277.02 feet to a point 7.50 feet South of the South line of said Right-of-way at said point said easement becomes Fifteen (15) in width, 7.50 feet each side of the continuation of said centerline;

Thence S89°48'08"W, on said centerline, for a dis-

tance of 299.88 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION, said point being on the East Right-of-way line to Highway 62, being 220.07 feet N89°50'01"E and 122.99 feet S04°55'03"W from the Northwest Corner of said SW1/4.

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shan Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 28-044**To Repeal and Rescind General Resolution 20-009 and Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County**

Explanation: The original resolution, GR20-009, has an ambiguous legal description that is insufficient to accurately describe the parcel for the purpose of placing the land into trust. This Resolution repeals and rescinds GR20-009 and provides a detailed legal description so that the real property may be put into trust.

Property Location: Murray County

Use: Self-Determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shan Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 28-045**To Repeal and Rescind General Resolution 23-007 and Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County**

Explanation: The original resolution, GR23-007, has an ambiguous legal description given as, "Part of Lot 2, Block 100, Original Township of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma." That legal description is insufficient to accurately describe the parcel for the purpose of placing the land into trust. This Resolution repeals and rescinds General Resolution 23-007 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description as follows:

Property Location: Johnston County

Use: Capitol Reserve Expansion

Purpose: Self Determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shan Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 28-046**Approval of Development Budget Amendment (Chickasaw Nation Visitor Center)**

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Chickasaw Nation Visitor Center, Project Number 20-0109-11, in the amount of \$6,773,538.00.

The Chickasaw Nation has had a strong connection to the Sulphur area dating back to the early 1800's. In recent history Sulphur served as the site for the Chickasaw Nation's first tribally owned business, the Chickasaw Motor Inn. The Cultural Center now attracts visitors to the area, and with the Artesian Hotel visitors will have reason to extend their stay. The Visitors Center will be a resource for local residents and visitors.

The Visitors Center site is near the Chickasaw National Recreational Area entrance on the corner of US Highway 177 and State Highway 7 and will be near the Artesian Hotel. The Visitors Center will be ideally located to provide hotel patrons and other visitors with information regarding all Chickasaw Nation destinations.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shan Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David

Woerz

No votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

Absent: Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 28-047**Approval of Development Budget Amendment (Softball Complex)**

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Softball Complex, Project Number 20-0108-11, in the amount of \$1,862,037.00.

The game of softball has long been a favorite sport of Chickasaw citizens. It is a family friendly activity that can be a casual pastime or a serious competitive sport. The Chickasaw Nation does not currently have its own facility for tribal members to utilize, so they are dependent on venues operated by others that have limited availability.

The Chickasaw citizens have requested a softball facility intended primarily for their use. The Softball Complex will encourage physical fitness and healthy recreational activities while providing a place for families and friends to gather. The complex can be used for family gatherings, friendly competitions, or tournament play. By constructing its own facility, the Chickasaw Nation will be making it possible for Chickasaw citizens to gain year around access to an outdoor activity that many enjoy.

Location: North Country Club Rd., Ada, Oklahoma

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shan Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 28-048**Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Tribal Management Grant. Funds from this grant will be utilized to purchase and implement electronic documentation and charge capture software for all phases of patient care in the surgery center at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Furthermore, the software includes built-in facets that would improve productivity as a well as generate a vast array of reports. The grant proposal is not to exceed \$100,000 per year for up to three (3) years.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shan Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 28-049**Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs**

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's partnership with the Choctaw Nation and designates the Choctaw Nation as the lead in preparing the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Resources Funding program: Water Resources Management, Planning and Pre-Development grant for the fiscal year 2012. The Choctaw Nation will submit the grant, serve as the point of contact for the funding agency and receive and distribute the grants funds if awarded.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shan Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Mary Jo Green

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A motion was made by Ms. Case and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to table PR28-005.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Katie Case
2 yes votes

Members voting no: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

11 no votes

The motion to table PR28-005 failed.

Mrs. Alexander stated the elected officials were being separated from their constituents because of the high salary increases on the top end and not on the bottom end of the salary scale, therefore, she could not support this resolution. Ms. Case felt the increases were exorbitant and she could not support the resolution.

A roll call vote was taken to approve PR28-005.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,

3 no votes

The motion to approve PR28-005 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 28-038, Approval of Development Budget Amendment, Welcome Center

This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Welcome Center, Project Number 1135-ADA-ADM-C in the amount of \$2,872,045. The Welcome Center will be located near Davis, Oklahoma, beside Interstate 35. Designed to invite visitors to stop, it will promote our destinations and increase awareness of the opportunities to experience our history and culture. The center will offer visitors an introduction to the Chickasaw Nation with brochures of all Chickasaw facilities; an outlet for purchasing original artwork by Chickasaw citizens and items created by the Chickasaw Nation; and a place for visitors to speak one-on-one with someone to assist them with identifying destinations to visit. The Welcome Center will increase exposure for our retail and historic destinations and increase revenue opportunities by reaching travelers on I-35 that might not be aware of the Chickasaw Nation offerings. The scope of work includes constructing a new 5,545 square foot building with public restroom facilities, a gift shop, a playground and dog park.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR28-038.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-038 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-039, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Bedre Chocolate Factory

This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Bedre Chocolate Factory, Project Number 1130-BED-RTL-C in the amount of \$7,296,151. The current facility in Pauls Valley has been determined a total loss by our insurance carrier with \$1,547,548 of the funding from insurance proceeds. The need for replacement provides an opportunity to relocate the facility near Davis. The new facility will give us the ability to improve the layout of the plant and improve the visitor's experience. The new site will provide opportunities to grow the retail

side of the business through increased foot traffic and partnerships with other developments in the area such as the Cultural Center. The scope of work includes constructing a new approximate 34,650 square foot building designed to allow for future expansion. The building is designed for efficiency as well as an improved experience for visitors including a hands-on area for children.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-039.

Mrs. Alexander and Ms. Case stated they could not support this resolution because Bedre has not been a profitable business since its purchase. Mr. Tim Colbert voiced his support of the resolution because a new business plan is to be implemented and of the assurances it will produce a profit in four years.

A roll call vote was taken to approve GR28-039.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

11 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Katie Case
2 no votes

The motion to approve GR28-039 carried.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 28-040, Pipeline Right-Of-Way Easement in Pontotoc County

This resolution accepts the release of right-of-way and approves the replacement pipeline right-of-way. The current right-of-way easement as it is now includes the entire tract and will prevent the USA from taking title to this tract into USA in Trust. The tract has been surveyed to more accurately describe the present location of the pipeline. This resolution will allow the release of the present blanket easement covering the entire tract as well as the acceptance of a new easement which more accurately describes the current location of the pipeline and includes only the area where the pipeline is laid. This tract is east of Ada and would be remembered as the old Homer School tract.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-040.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-040 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-041, Pipeline Right-Of-Way Easement in Pontotoc County

This resolution accepts the partial release of right-of-way of a pipeline right-of-way easement from ScissorTail Energy, LLC. The current right-of-way easement as it is now includes this entire tract and will prevent the USA from taking title to this tract into USA in Trust. The tract has been surveyed to more accurately describe the present location of the pipeline. This resolution will allow the acceptance of a partial easement in lieu of an easement encumbering all the property. This tract is southeast of Ada and would be remembered as the old Red Spring Church site.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-041.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-040 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Mike Watson stated that better food was being served at the Ardmore Senior Site. He also made comments about the guidelines for the Elders Emergence Assistant Program and the tribal elections process. Mr. Jerry Imotichey commented on the passage of PR28-005. Dr. Suzanne Van Cooten commented on the need to end disparities between tribal leadership and employee wage and benefit levels. Mr. Jay Keel, Mr. Bill Lance, and Ms. Lisa John made comments regarding the progress of the Chickasaw Nation and its leadership.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 12, 2011

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Connie Barker
Election Rules & Regulation Ad Hoc Committee
September 12, 2011

Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert

Executive Committee
September 6, 2011

Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Dean McManus, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

Finance Committee
September 6, 2011

Present: Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

September 12, 2011

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Human Resources Committee

September 6, 2011

Present: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert

September 12, 2011

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Land Development Committee

September 6, 2011

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz

Absent: Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

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